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STRIKE AT HOSKINS MOUND

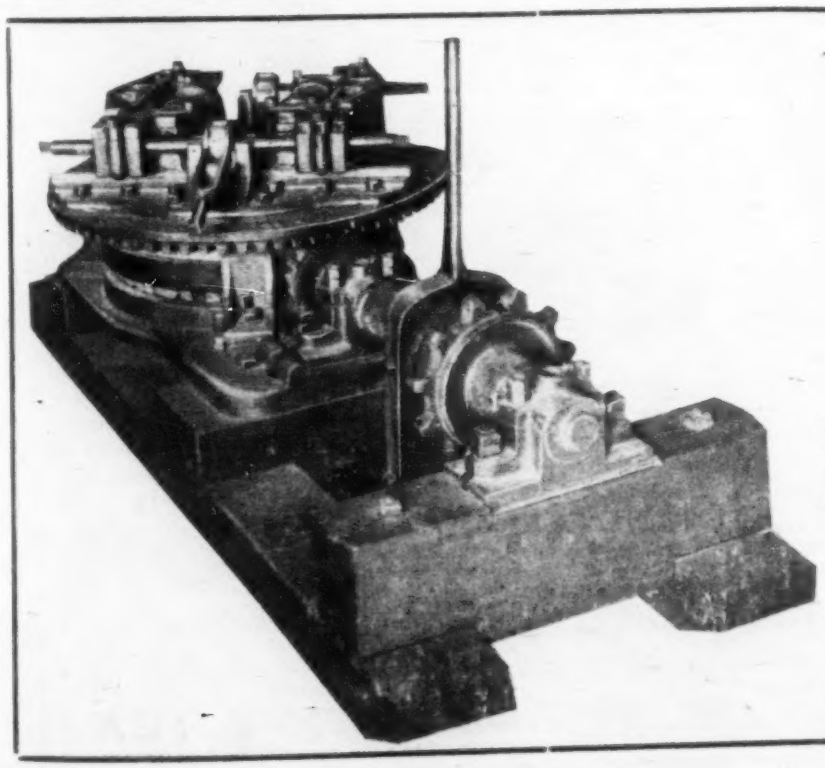
Mound Oil Company Has Well in Brazoria County Said to Be Good For 2,500 to 3,000 Barrels a Day of 21.5 Gravity Oil—Brought in Over Five Months Ago—Building Pipe Line to Brownsville Road—Not Believed General Market Conditions Will Be Disturbed—Development to Suit Market Requirements—Situation in the Gulf Coast Region—Shows a Shortage of Close to a Million Barrels in April.

Disclosure of a strike at Hoskins Mound in Brazoria county, made over five months ago by the Mound Oil Company, is the feature of interest in the Gulf Coast region. The curtain of secrecy which has been so tightly drawn around the results of development in that territory has been torn aside and the fact made known that in November last the Mound Oil Company brought in a well that is estimated to be good for between 2,500 and 3,000 barrels a day of 21.5 gravity oil. It has been capped since that time and only allowed to flow at intervals to provide oil for fuel. The estimate of its capacity is based on the showing made during those times. The hole was finished at 582 feet and is probably the largest well completed at that depth on the American continent. It flows through a six-inch casing. Whether the estimate given is the maximum capacity of the well cannot be learned, as a twenty-four hour test has not yet been made. It is known, however, that the well is completed in rock, has no strainer, is free from water and sand, and said to be drilled only a few feet in the pay. There is sufficient gas pressure to keep up a 3,000 barrel rate after slight agitation. Samples of crude from it are of green color and show an exceptionally low sulphur test. Refinery tests place it in a distinct class compared with oil produced in other Southeast Texas fields. The owners of the property believe that a much lighter grade of oil will be found by going deeper.

Exclusive Report and Photographic views of the San Francisco Disaster—from Mr. H. S. Reavis at San Francisco—IN THIS NUMBER.

While the strike of the Mound Oil Company is regarded as one of the most important in the history of the Gulf Coast region, the aspect of the situation is believed to be such as will preclude any serious disturbance in general market conditions.

The Mound Oil Company in May, 1905, purchased in fee simple what has long been known as the Montevideo Ranch of the Hoskins Brothers, in the southern part of Brazoria county. The tract comprised approximately 40,000 acres in practically a solid block, and since the original purchase about 4,000 acres additional were acquired. At the present time it is claimed the Mound Oil Company has a solid block of land approximating



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44,000 acres with unassailable title. As development work of the company is in the hands of experienced and practical oil men, there is small likelihood that any of the property will be "Spindletopped." Conservative operators give as their opinion that the Mound Oil Company's holdings comes nearer making possible ideal conditions of oil production than any other territory thus far proven in the Gulf Coast region. It is said that the financial condition of the company is such as to render it absolutely independent, and therefore none of the boom-day type of stock-selling schemes will be resorted to, to let the public in. The company will not be forced to produce more oil than for market requirements.

The location of the new development is about 21 miles south of Alvin and nearly 40 miles south of Houston. The new St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railroad's Liverpool station on Chocolate Bayou, is ten miles away, and the station of Angleton, the county seat of Brazoria county, is twelve miles west. Galveston is twenty-three miles northeast and a pipe line twenty-six miles long could quickly and easily deliver oil to the wharves in Galveston harbor. A pipe line eleven miles long would reach deep water at Quintana and Valesco at the mouth of the Brazos river.

Near the center of the tract two prominent mounds are located, known in that region as the big mound and the little mound. The larger one, called Hoskins Mound, comprising about 1,000 acres, has for some years been looked upon as an oil proposition. The little mound is about the size of Spindletop. Previous to the purchase of the property by the Mound Oil Company, five wells were drilled to various depths on the western side of the big mound, where the strike was made, and although oil and gas indications were obtained in all of the holes, paying production failed to materialize. Colonel T. C. Stribling was in charge of the work, which was abandoned some time over a year ago.

The operations of the Mound Oil Company began in August, 1905, when the first well was started. From the very beginning close secrecy was maintained. Few operators were given an opportunity to inspect the camp at the mound or the work being carried on. Guards were placed on the property and scouts were met at the gates about seven miles from the scene of development with a firm and positive order to "keep out" which prevented knowledge of the progress made from time to time. Developments in the initial work show stratifications of a nature satisfactory to the owners, and induced them to put down another hole near one of the old Stribling tests and a producer said to be good for between 2,500 and 3,000 barrels of 21.5 gravity oil resulted in November last. The fact that paying formations had been encountered, however, was closely guarded, and while an opinion was prevalent among operators that there was "something doing" at Hoskins Mound, nothing authoritative could be learned concerning the exact status of results, until the present time. The company put down three additional wells, making five in all, but there is a lack of information of a trustworthy character as to the exact nature of developments in them.

To what extent the Mound Oil Company will continue to develop its holdings is not fully apparent at present. Nothing definite can be learned until after a meeting of stockholders, which is expected to be held at Houston in probably the second week of May. E. B. Parker, of Baker, Botts, Garwood & Parker of Houston, is president of the concern. Thomas Nevins of New York is a large stockholder.

Considerable tankage facilities, however, have already been erected at the scene of development and a four-inch pipe line is now being laid from the mound to a point on the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railroad, a distance of nine and three-quarter miles. A thirty-car loading rack is in the process of construction. Naturally the discovery of oil at Hoskins Mound makes a good fuel oil proposition for the Brownsville road, which is known to have been friendly to developments in that region. It has twenty-nine engines equipped as oil-burners and in 1905 consumed 33,850 barrels of fuel oil, which was almost exclusively used in construction work. The present year, as traffic increases, will probably show some increase in consumption. The storage equipment of the road at present consists of three steel tanks of 37,500 barrels capacity each, at Ismay, Kingsville and Harlingen. The road operates eight tank cars with a gross capacity of [illegible] an average of 225 barrels per car.

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APRIL SHORTAGE IN GULF COAST REGION LOWER THAN MARCH.

Shipments and consumption [illegible] Texas-Louisiana crude exceeded [illegible] put by close to nine hundred thousand barrels in April. Rail [illegible] shipments amount to 2,161,7[illegible] barrels. Gross movement and consumption was put at 2,821,702 barrels, [illegible] an estimated gross output of 1,6[illegible] barrels. Estimating trainload [illegible] of Jennings oil to Texas [illegible] at 300,000 barrels, a shortage [illegible] barrels is indicated, or an [illegible] of approximately 89,020 barrels [illegible] day. The shortage for March was [illegible] at 963,368, showing a decrease in April of about 62,766 barrels. Net stocks on April 1 were estimated at 17,686,632. Deducting the shortage in April, the reserve supply [illegible] to approximately 16,786,630 barrels on May 1. The heavy estimated [illegible] nings oil moving into Texas [illegible] is based on the increased [illegible] of The Texas Company [illegible] Charles, practically all of which went into storage at Nederland. Stocks have been reduced since the [illegible] of the year approximately 3,21[illegible] barrels, or an average of 803,3[illegible] barrels a month.

Of the total movement, 1,121,[illegible] barrels is credited to Texas, or an average of 37,374 barrels a day. Louisiana is credited with 1,040,437 barrels, or a daily average of 34,681 barrels, showing a total daily average movement of Texas-Louisiana crude of 72,055 barrels. The average daily production of the Gulf Coast region is estimated at 54,037 barrels, against a daily average gross movement and consumption of

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94,057 barrels, indicating a shortage of 40,020 barrels. Deducting 10,000 barrels a day of transfers to Texas storage, would make a net daily shortage of approximately 30,020 barrels.

Rail movement of Jennings crude in April amounte tod 869,897 barrels. April amounted to 869,897 barrels, an increase of 59,462 barrels. The Texas Company shipments from Lake Charles totaled 171,847 barrels, against a movement of 34,009 barrels in March. The latter group of figures represents shipments of six days, as the loading racks were in operation only that length of time in March.

Rail movement of Texas crude amounted to 666,143 barrels in April, against 609,482 barrels in March, or an increase of 56,661 barrels. Of this amount 231,421 barrels is credited to Saratoga, against 175,131 barrels in March, or an increase of 56,290 barrels. Rail shipments from Humble fell off 86,476 barrels in April. The movement for the latter period was 144,542 barrels, against 231,018 barrels in March.

Port shipments of Texas crude in April amounted to 455,122 barrels, against 547,489 barrels in March, or a decrease of 92,367 barrels. Shipments of other grades totaled 298,818 barrels in the former period, against 342,247 barrels in March, or a decrease of 43,429 barrels. On April 30 the steamship Pinna sailed with 60,000 barrels of refined oil loaded by the Gulf Refining Company for Dover, England. On April 19 the barge Gusher sailed for Coatzecoalcos, Mexico, with 7,949 barrels of crude and 625 barrels of bunker oil, loaded by the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company.

Gross output of the Southeast Texas district on April 30 was estimated at 36,800 barrels, against 32,200 barrels on March 31, or an increase of 4,650 barrels. Production of the Jennings field was estimated at 19,300 barrels on April 30, against 19,550 barrels on March 31.

Seventy wells were completed in the Gulf Coast region in April. Twenty are producers and twenty-one were dry. Thirty-eight wells were completed March, 26 producers and 12 dry. Nineteen wells were abandoned in April.

Eighty-two wells were drilling on April 30, against 62 on March 31, or an increase of 20. Forty-five of the drilling wells are credited to Humble in the shallow sand development. There were 28 locations on April 30, against 32 on March 31.

The Texas Company loaded the S. S. Northwestern at Amesville, La., on April 25th, with 21,648 barrels of crude consigned to Tampa, Florida.

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CREDIT BALANCE QUOTATIONS ARE ADVANCED TWO CENTS.

On April 23 the pipe line companies posted a straight advance of two cents a barrel on Texas and Louisiana crude. This is the first advance since March 31 and brings The Texas Company's price up to 49 cents for Sour Lake, 40 cents for Saratoga, 39 cents for Batson, 43 cents for Humble and 32cents for Jennings. The J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company's new list shows Batson light at 41 cents, Batson heavy at 35 cents, Saratoga 40 cents, Sour Lake light 49 cents, Sour Lake heavy at 40 cents and Humble 43 cents.

Contract prices are said to be considerably above these figures. Sixty-two to sixty-three cents is being offered for Spindletop May contracts, but it is understood that some of the producers are holding out for sixty-five cents. Contracts for Sour Lake have been made as high as fifty-eight cents. Forty-eight cents is being offered on Humble contracts.

ADVANCE BY STANDARD.

The Standard Oil Company on April 25 made an advance of three cents a barrel for Pennsylvania and two cents a barrel for Lima oil. All other grades were advanced two cents, with the exception of Kansas. At the close of March 94,000 barrels of Pennsylvania and 3,000,000 barrels of Lima oil were represented by pipe line certificates.

Runs of Kansas-Territory oil for the first three weeks of April amounted to 1,241,061 barrels, or an average of 59,098 barrels a day. Deliveries amounted to 499,162 barrels, or an average of 23,769 barrels a day, indicating that 741,898 barrels went into storage, or an average of 35,328 barrels a day. This record breaks any previous month in the history of the field, with only two-thirds of the month gone. A gain of nearly a million barrels in stocks is expected for April, bringing the total close to seventeen million.

SYNDICATE NO. 3 AT JENNINGS COMES IN A GUSHER.

Heywood Brothers Oil Syndicate No. 3 at Jennings came in at noon on May 1 and is a "stem-winder," making ten tanks in 19 hours, with every indication of continuing at the same rate.

Crusel-Newton No. 1 has set a screen and the well stands full of oil, and it is thought will make about a 500-barrel pumper. The hole is about 2,300 feet deep and extends the proven territory in the Jennings district 500 feet to the east.

The Morse Company holdings in the Jennings field, which were recently purchased by T. H. Bass, have been acquired by the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company. Leases on six and one-half acres of land in the proven field, thirteen wells, of which nine are producing about 3,000 barrels a day, and all equipment, boilers, pumping rigs and earthen storage tanks are embraced in the transaction. The consideration is not named.

The Pickett-Henry Oil Company of Houston has been chartered with a capital stock of $5,000. The incorporators are: J. L. Henry, W. L. Lane, J. C. Baldwin, E. B. Pickett and G. N. Torrey. The officers are: E. B. Pickett, president; J. L. Henry, vice president, and W. L. Lane, secretary and treasurer. The company is putting down a test hole near Dayton.

A permit to do business in Texas has been granted the Creighton-McShane Oil Company of Omaha, Neb. Its capital stock is $100,000, and the Texas office is to be maintained at Dearborn.

The Evangeline Oil Company loaded the S. S. Toledo at Plaquemine, La., on April 27th with 21,766 barrels of crude consigned to the Sun Company at Marcus Hook.

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SUMMARY OF WILDCAT OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

Aside from the disclosure as to conditions at Hoskins Mound, nothing important has developed in wildcat operations in Southeast Texas.

The Howard Hughes test at Pierce Junction was tested for gas at something over 700 feet and enough was obtained to meet the requirements of development work that is contemplated in that territory by the owners.

The National Oil and Pipe Line Company's test in the Green's Bayou district is a dry hole at 1,500 feet.

J. E. Broussard and associates are putting down a test hole about a mile and a quarter southwest of Spindletop.

J. M. Snannon has started a wildcat in the Humble district about 3,000 feet across the river from the Simms lease. A gas line has been run from a Simms well to the scene of operations.

The Pickett-Henry Oil Company's test in the Dayton district is down about 400 feet in rock. The ten-inch was set at 390 feet.

The test at Blue Ridge, below Pierce Junction, is down between 400 and 500 feet.

The Cypress hole is down 2,900 feet.

Considerable attention has been attracted to reported developments in Duval county, near San Diego. Prospecting has been going on in that district for some time, but nothing definite can be learned as to results. It is reported that a small producer was completed in the Piedras Pintos district southwest of San Diego, but the information cannot be confirmed. San Diego is 53 miles from Corpus Christi on the Mexican Central Railway of Texas. Surface indications in this territory are said to be good. Prospecting has been going on in Duval, McMullen and Nueces counties for a number of years. Wells good for about five to ten barrels a day have been developed. Development work is in progress northwest of San Diego.

Patillo-Higgins at Hockley got through the hard rock encountered at twelve feet and is now down about ninety feet.

FIVE COMPLETIONS IN THE BATSON DISTRICT—SUMMARY.

Five wells were completed in the Batson district during the last half of the month. All are producers, but the gross output is only 130 barrels. The J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company drilled two old holes deeper, making them good for 55 barrels, which made the gross new production 185 barrels from seven wells.

The older wells in the district are showing a falling off tendency. The gross output on April 28 was estimated at 7,900 barrels, against 8,200 barrels on April 12, indicating a drop of 300 barrels in face of 185 barrels of new production.

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The results of the new work has put a damper on development. Only two wells were drilling on April 28, against six drilling on April 12. Two new locations were made on the former date.

Wells Completed.

Following is a list of completions:

Crown Oil Company, Heywood, 20 barrels, 18 gravity.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 49, Wing, 25 barrels, 26 gravity.

Higgins Oil and Fuel Company No. 14, 25 barrels, 26 gravity.

W. S. Browning No. 4, Paraffine 30 acres, Higgins farm, 20 barrels, 18 gravity.

Paraffine Oil Company, Paraffine farm 40 barrels, 28 gravity.

Total new completions, 5.

The following wells were drilled deeper and made producers:

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 6, Choate, 25 barrels, 27 gravity.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 17, Choate, 30 barrels, 26 gravity.

Wells Drilling.

Following is a list of wells drilling on April 28:

Christian Oil Company, strip 13, Millholme.

Oriole Oil Company No. 10, Oriole lease.

New Locations.

There were two new locations on April 28, as follows:

R. P. Allen No. 3, Duff 5 acres.

Ada Belle Oil Company, Seymour Klach.

Field Notes.

Autry No. 5, strip 13 of the Millholme, has been abandoned.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 15 on the Choate is abandoned.

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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ANSE LA BUTTE FIELD.

Developments at Anse la Butte as the work extends eastward [illegible] such as to encourage those who believe that the field will eventually prove good producing territory. The indications encountered have the "earmarks" of an oil field to a greater degree than initial operations showed. The output at the present time is [illegible] barrels. Three wells are [illegible] and five producing.

Heywood Brothers Oil Corporation No. 8 struck oil rock at 1,300 feet with a good show of gas. Although it was intended to stop for nothing [illegible] the 1,800-foot stratum, indications at 1,300 feet were so good as to justify a test. It was a failure, however, owing to salt water above the oil rock. The well is drilling deeper at about [illegible] feet. Several streaks of oil were encountered below 1,400 feet.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 1 encountered the same rock as Heywood Brothers Oil Corporation No. 8 at practically the same depth. Considerable time has been spent in trying to make a tight joint in casing on top of the rock, and as a last resort, cement was put down to set the pipe in.

Lake Oil Company No. 3 [illegible] inch at about 2,000 feet, and is drilling in a close sandstone rock with some indications of oil.

Five wells are producing—Heywood Brothers Oil Corporation Nos. 1, 2 and 7, and Lake Oil Company Nos. 1 and 2.

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Production of Districts in Southeast Texas.

	Barrels. March 31.	April 30
Humble	8,000	10,500
Batson	8,500	8,000
Saratoga	5,200	7,750
Sour Lake	7,000	6,850
Spindletop	3,200	3,500
Dayton	300	300
Totals	32,200	36,900

Increase, April 30, 4,700 barrels.

Production of the Jennings District.

	Barrels. March 31.	April 30.
Flowing and pumping wells	19,550	19,300

Decrease, April 30, 250 barrels.

Port Shipments of Texas in April.

	Barrels.
Crude	455,122
Other grades	298,818
Total	753,940
Daily average crude shipments	15,170
Daily average other grades	9,960

Railroad Shipments of Southeast Texas Crude in April.

GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
Saratoga	1,029	231,421
Beaumont	6	1,095
Total	1,035	232,516

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
Beaumont	8	*1,714

*Estimated.

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Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
Trice (Texas Co.)	378	82,502

HOUSTON, EAST & WEST TEXAS.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
Humble	612	144,542

SUNSET LINES.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
Sour Lake	734	199,239
Gladys (Spindletop)	32	5,630
Total	766	204,869

All Texas Crude Shipments by Rail.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
G. C. & S. F.	1,035	232,516
K. C. S.	8	1,714
I. & G. N.	378	82,502
H. E. & W. T.	612	144,542
Sunset Lines	766	204,869
Total	2,799	666,143

Total Movement of Texas Crude in April.

	Barrels.
Port shipments	455,122
Rail shipments	666,143
Total	1,121,265
Daily average port shipments	15,170
Daily average rail shipments	22,204
Total daily average	37,374

Railroad Shipments of Jennings Oil in April.

KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
Lake Charles	955	171,847

SUNSET LINES.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
Jennings	2,185	472,132
Mermentau	396	82,337
Egan	638	143,581
Total	3,219	698,050

All Jennings Shipments by Rail.

Loading Point.	Cars.	Barrels.
K. C. S.	955	171,847
Sunset Lines	3,219	698,050
Total	4,174	869,897

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Deliveries of Jennings Crude to Plaquemine in April.

	Barrels.
By pipe line and barges	170,540

Total Movement Jennings Crude in April.

	Barrels.
Rail shipments	869,897
Plaquemine	170,540
Total	1,040,437
Daily average by rail	28,996
Daily average Plaquemine	5,685
Total daily average	34,681

Total Crude Movement From Texas-Louisiana Districts in April.

	Barrels.
Southeast Texas	1,121,265
Louisiana	1,040,437
Total	2,161,702
Daily average movement	72,057

Movement and Estimated Gonsumption

	Barrels.
Rail and port shipments	2,161,702
Refinery consumption	600,000
Field consumption	60,000
Total	2,821,702

Estimates of Monthly Production.

District.	Barrels. March.	April.
Jennings	614,100	594,600
Humble	252,500	265,000
Batson	256,000	241,000
Saratoga	172,000	202,000
Sour Lake	205,000	207,700
Spindletop	102,000	102,000
Dayton	8,800	8,800
Total	1,610,400	1,621,100

WELLS COMPLETED.

District.	Comp.	Prod.	Dry.	Aban.
Humble	41	20	21	15
Batson	6	6	0	2
Saratoga	5	4	1	0
Sour Lake	4	3	1	0
Spindletop	9	6	3	2
Jennings	6	3	3	0
Dayton	0	0	0	0
Totals	70	41	29	19

WELLS DRILLING.

District.	March 31.	April 30.
Humble	26	45
Batson	5	2
Saratoga	6	7
Sour Lake	3	7
Spindletop	10	8
Jennings	12	12
Dayton	0	1
Total	62	82

RIGS UP.

District.	March 31.	April 30.
Humble	9	13
Batson	0	2
Saratoga	5	1
Sour Lake	2	5
Spindletop	6	2
Jennings	10	5
Dayton	0	0
Total	32	28

CRUDE PRICES.

Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company.

	Feb. 26.	Mar. 9.	16.	31.	Apl. 23
Sour Lake light	41	43	45	47	49
Sour Lake heavy	34	36	..	38	40
Saratoga	32	34	36	38	40
Batson, light	33	35	37	39	41
Batson, heavy	29	31	..	33	35
Spindletop	45	45	54	54	..
Humble	35	37	39	41	43

Where no figures are given the price remain unchanged.

The Texas Company.

	Jan. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 7.	16	31	Apl. 23
Sour Lake	39	41	43	45	47	49
Saratoga	30	32	34	36	38	40
Batson	29	31	33	35	37	39
Humble	33	35	37	39	41	43
Jennings	..	25	26	28	30	32

Where no figures are given the price remains unchanged.

Above prices do not include loadings, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

Contract prices for Texas oil at the wells, from 2 to 6 above credit balance quoations.

Eastern Prices.

Pennsylvania	$1.64
Second sand	1.64
Tiona	1.74
Corning	1.16
New Castle	1.41
Cabell	1.24
North Lima	98
South Lima	93
Indiana	93
Princeton, Ind.	88
Casey, Ill.	83
Somerset	91
Ragland	62
Thirty-two degs. and above	52
Corsicana light	91
Corsicana heavy	52
Fuel oil	35
Canada	1.38

Kansas and Territories.

32 gravity and over	.52
32 to 31½ gravity	.49
31½ to 31 gravity	.46
31 to 30½ gravity	.43
30½ to 30 gravity	.40

Corsicana and Powell Summary.

Corsicana (light oil)—Wells complete 5; producing, 4; drilling, 3; abandoned, 0; rigs up, 0.

Powell (heavy oil)—Wells completed, 30; producing, 13; dry, 2; drilling, 15; rigs up, 3.

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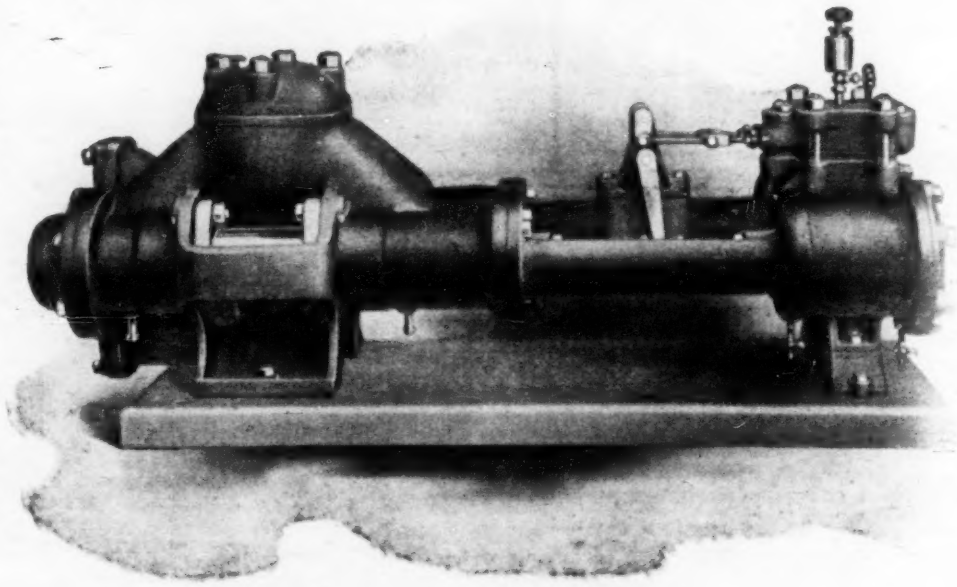

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TWENTY-ONE COMPLETIONS IN HUMBLE DISTRICT—FORTY-FIVE WELLS DRILLING. SUMMARY.

Twenty-one wells were completed in the Humble district during the last fifteen days of the month, of which fifteen are producers with a gross output of approximately 3,165 barrels, all coming from the shallow sand with the exception of 40 barrels. An old hole was reclaimed yielding 40 barrels, making the gross new production in the last half of the month 3,205 barrels. Three of the other completions were water wells, two lost holes and one dry.

Despite the new production the gross output of the district on April 30 was estimated at 10,500 barrels, against 8,800 barrels on April 15, indicating that the old wells fell off 1,505 barrels in fifteen days. During the first half of the month the old wells declined approximately 1,120 barrels, showing a falling off of 2,625 barrels for the month. These figures indicate that development of the upper sands at Humble is prolonging the life of the district to a marked extent. On March 31 the gross output was estimated 8,000 barrels.

The belief prevalent among operators early in the month that the shallow sand would prove productive only in certain areas is shown to be not well founded in view of the results of development during the last half of the month. The field summary indicates that upper formations have proved productive in scattered portions of the district, and that operators have changed their opinion on the showing, is apparent through increased drilling operations in all directions. Forty-five wells were drilling on April 30, thirty-five of which were for the shallow sand. The other ten are old drilling wells, having been recorded for some time. Thirty-two wells were drilling on April 15, indicating that development work in the upper formations have been given an impetus during the last half of the month. Five wells were recorded as shut down on April 30, in probably permanent suspension.

There were thirteen locations on April 30, five of which are old. The new locations are for the shallow strata. Sixteen locations were recorded on April 15, five of w[illegible] old.

Runs on April 15 were [illegible] approximately as follows: T[illegible] Company, 6,000 barrels; J. [illegible] Petroleum Company, 2,000 [illegible] Higgins Oil and Fuel Comp[illegible] barrels; Sun Company, 1,200 [illegible] Security Oil Company, 600 [illegible] and the Commercial Oil Comp[illegible] barrels. Total, 10,450 barr[illegible]

Wells Completed.

Following is a list of 2[illegible] tions during the last half [illegible] month:

Producers' Oil Company No. [illegible] slide. Dry. Abandoned.

Producers' Oil Company, No. [illegible] 8 acres. Flowing 125 barrels.

Producers' Oil Company No. [illegible] 1, [illegible] 8, Cherry. Flowing 150 [illegible]

Producers' Oil Company No. 72 [illegible] acres. Pumping 100 barrels.

Northwestern Oil Company No. [illegible] graves. Water. Abandoned.

E. V. and J. F. O'Neall, Little [illegible] ell lease, Wedd. Water. Aban[illegible]

W. F. Cleveland No. 2, Echols [illegible] ing 400 barrels.

Cleveland and West No. 1, Ch[illegible] acres. Flowing 200 barrels.

John O'Neil No. 12, Busch 2 [illegible] ing 400 barrels.

John O'Neil No. 13, Busch 2 [illegible] ing 200 barrels.

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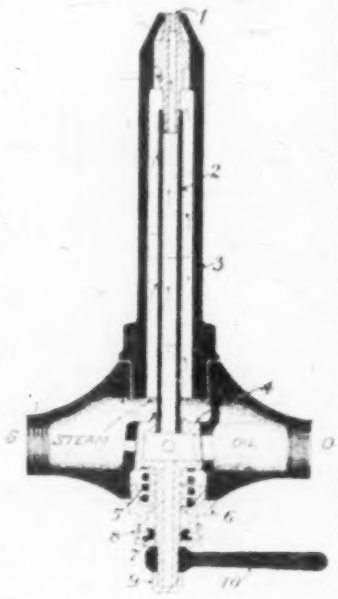

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John O'Neil No. 14, Cherry, strip 1. Pumping 100 barrels.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 12, Busch 2 acres. Pumping 250 barrels.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Station No. 13, Busch 2 acres. Pumping 350 barrels.

Nells Esperson No. 1, Cherry. Flowing 100 barrels.

Nells Esperson No. 10, Moore 4 acres. Flowing 100 barrels.

George Hamman No. 1, Donlan 2 acres. Blow out. Lost hole. Abandoned.

Guffey-Crosbie No. 1, Guffey 1 acre. Pumping 200 barrels.

Guffey-Crosbie No. 2, Guffey 1 acre. Lost hole.

Hamman and Farrish No. 1, Wood. Water.

Byrd and Bowie No. 1, Busch 9 acres. Flowing 150 barrels.

Granberry-Smith No. 18, Long. Pumping 40 barrels, 22 gravity.

Total completion, 21. Fifteen producers with gross output of 3,165 barrels.

Old Hole Reclaimed.

Burt McGaffney No. 2, Stevenson. Flowing 40 barrels.

Wells Drilling.

Following is a list of 45 wells drilling on April 30:

Producers' Oil Company No. 36, Conway. Cable tools. Third hole.

Producers' Oil Company No. 43, Burt 10 acres of Hirsch.

Producers' Oil Company No. 54, Majorwitz.

Producers' Oil Company No. 62, northeast corner block 5, Landslide of the Dunman. Setting tubing to pump.

Producers' Oil Company No. 66, Landslide south of No. 62. Fishing.

Producers' Oil Company No. 70, Mason 80 acres. Fishing.

Producers' Oil Company No. 75, Cherry, block 1, lot 10.

Producers' Oil Company No. 76, Mason 160 acres.

Producers' Oil Company No. 77, Conway, block 12.

Producers' Oil Company No. 78, oil plant 2 acres.

Producers' Oil Company No. 80, Conway, lot 11.

Producers' Oil Company No. 81, Cherry, block 1, lot 8.

E. M. Wheeler (Producers' Oil Company), Wheeler-Pickens, block 23. Deep test.

Burt McGaffey No. 4, 150 feet east of No. 2. Twisted off. Down about 2,500 feet.

Simms and Farrish No. 6, Mason.

Northwestern Oil Company No. 10, J. B. Jones of the Hermann.

Northwestern Oil Company No. 12, Hermann.

Starlight Oil Company, No. 2, Holmes. Second hole.

Ball and Carden No. 4, Mason 140 acres.

McKallip Brothers No. 4, Cherry. Equipping standard pumping rig.

Beatty and House, Beatty 38 acres of the Cherry.

John O'Neil No. 15, Cherry 1 acre. Equipping with standard pumping rig.

John O'Neil No. 16, Cherry 1 acre.

Osborne No. 1, DeMerritt.

Osborne No. 2, DeMerritt.

W. W. Fondren No. 6, strip 10, Wood.

Nells Esperson No. 2, Cherry.

Nells Esperson No. 3, block 2, lot 3, Cherry.

Nells Esperson No. 12, Moore 4 acres.

Lake Development Company No. 1, Wilson, 2 acres.

Lake Development Company No. 2, block 1, strip 12, Cherry.

Clint Wood No. 1, Dannenbaum.

Sheak No. 1, McAshan acre 3.

Dirty Foren Oil Company No. 1, Conway.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 14, Busch.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 16, Busch 6 acres.

George Hammond No. 2, Barrett.

Harper and Horst No. 3, Wren.

Moonshine Drillers (Producers' Oil Company) No. 5, Fuller 10 acres.

Landslide Oil Company No. 9, Landslide.

W. F. Cleveland No. 3, Echols.

National Oil and Pipe Line Company No. 3, block 2, lot 2, Cherry.

Guffey-Crosbie No. 3, Guffey 1 acre.

Decker and Pollack No. 1, block 2, strip 9, Cherry.

Wood and Underwood No. 3, Busch 9.

Total wells drilling, 45.

Wells Shut Down.

Simms and Farish No. 5, Mason.

Devore Oil Company No. 4, Landslide.

Producers' Oil Company No. 47, Adams.

Producers' Oil Company No. 52, Bering and Cortes.

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Producers' Oil Company No. 53, Majorwitz.
Total shut down, 5.

Locations.

Following is a list of 13 locations, the first five of which were recorded on April 15:

Producers' Oil Company No. 39, Fant and Freund. Derrick.
Producers' Oil Company No. 63, Busch. Derrick.
E. M. Wheeler No. 2 (Producers' Oil Company), Wheeler-Pickens 2 acre lease. Derrick.
Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 8, Barrett 2 acres. Derrick.
Granberry-Smith No. 16, Hermann. Derrick.
Producers' Oil Company No. 79, air plant 2 acres. Derrick.
Producers' Oil Company No. 82, block 1, lot 10, Cherry. Derrick.
Granberry-Smith No. 19, Long. Derrick.
Beatty No. 1, block 1, strip 9. Derrick.
E. V. and J. F. O'Neall No. 7, block 10, Wood. Rigging.
Guffey-Crosble No. 1, Barrett 10 acres. Derrick.
Flynn and Burrows No. 1, Echols. Derrick.
Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 15, Busch 6 acres. Derrick.
Total locations, 13. Five old and eight new.

Field Notes.

Granberry-Smith No. 17 on the Long, and Northwestern Oil Company No. 9 on the Hermann are abandoned.

TWO COMPLETIONS AT SPINDLETOP—SUMMARY.

Two wells were completed at Spindletop during the last half of the month. One was a water well and one a producer of 100 barrels. There were seven completions during the first half of April. The gross output of the district on April 27 was estimated at 3,500 barrels, the same as recorded on April 15.

Eight wells were drilling on the former date, against seven drilling on the latter date. Two locations are recorded, one old and one new.

Considerable interest is centered in the hole being put down by the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company across the T. & N. O. tracks south of the station. Indications at 900 feet were quite favorable, but when a test was made, sand crowded into the hole 200 feet.

T. H. Bass No. 2, directly south and adjoining block 30 of the Keith-Ward tract, which has been out of commission for some time, was being worked on April 27. It is believed the well will make a producer.

The J. M. Phelps well in block 33 of the Yellow Pine, an April completion, has not yet been put on a producing basis. Trouole with the tubing is still experienced.

Sand is troubling the Bass and Henderson well on the site of the old Log Cabin saloon on the McFaddin lease. The hole was being cleaned out again on April 2,. When in operation it pumps about 40 barrels.

Wells Drilling.

Following is a list of 8 wells drilling on April 27:

T. H. Bass and associates, McFaddin lease, near site of Lucas gusher. Equipping with standard rig.
T. H. Bass and associates, McFaddin lease. Equipping with standard pumping rig.
T. H. Bass and associates, McFaddin lease.
J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, across T. & N. O. tracks.
Bowles Brothers No. 4, block 9 of the Gladys City. Northwest extension.
D. R. Beatty, block 20 of the Gladys City.
J. C. Wilson, block 19 of the Gladys City. Down 623 feet.
W. G. Park and associates, northeast of held in McFaddin lease.
Total wells drilling, 8.

Locations.

There were two locations on April 27, one old and one new, as follows:

Nelson-Gordon, southwest flats. Rigging. (Old.)
McCarley-Davenport-Shepherd, block 23, lot 7 of the McFaddin-Weiss-Kyle subdivision.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN THE JENNINGS DISTRICT.

Three wells were completed at Jennings during the last half of the month. They were: Bass and Caffrty, Latrielle No. 1; Producers' Oil Company, Latrielle No. 8, and T. H. Bass, Morse 15. The first one showed salt water, which was shut off, and for a day it blew with terrific gas pressure, when salt water again came in. A permanent packer will be set in the hole to shut it off. The first packer was only temporary. Producers' Oil Company, Latrielle No. 8, was a dry hole and Morse No. 15 is making about 1,000 barrels of red oil.

The gross output of the district on April 29 was estimated at 19,300 barrels, against 25,100 barrels on April 15, or a decrease of 5,800 barrels. Twelve wells were drilling on the former date, against ten drilling on April 14. Four old holes are drilling deeper. There were fire new locations on March 29.

Wells Drilling.

Following is a list of 12 wells drilling on April 29:

Heywood Oil Company, Crowley No. 2, set six-inch.
Chicago-Jennings No. 7. Fishing.
Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate No. [illegible]
Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate No. [illegible] and 9 in rock.
Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate [illegible] No. 7.
Crusel-Newton No. 1. Set six-inch [illegible] feet.
Jennings Oil Company No. 8, down [illegible] 500 feet.
T. H. Bass, Morse No. 16, down [illegible] feet.
Producers' Oil Company, Latrielle [illegible] Fishing.
Producers Oil Company, Latrielle [illegible]
Producers' Oil Company, Lyons [illegible]
Producers' Oil Company, Martin [illegible]
Total wells drilling, 12.

Drilling Deeper.

Following is a list of old holes being deeper:

Wilkins Company No. 3.
Chicago-Jennings No. 2.
Producers' Oil Company, Clem[illegible]
West Side Oil Company, Supe[illegible]
I. N. Bettison, Crowley Petrole[illegible]
Total drilling deeper, 5.

Following is a list of new [illegible] on April 29:

Crowley Oil and Mineral Com[illegible]
Heywood Oil Company, Crowl[illegible] Derrick.
Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate [illegible]
G. B. Ziegler, West Virginia N[illegible] rick.
Producers' Oil Company, Latrie[illegible]

INCREASE IN PRODUCTI[illegible] SARATOGA—SUMMARY [illegible] OPERATIONS.

The principal item of in[illegible] developments at Saratoga is [illegible] ing in of the Sun Company [illegible] the Brice and Bradley, about [illegible] south of J. M. Guffey Petrole[illegible] pany No. 4, which opened th[illegible] pool. The well started off at [illegible] of about 1,000 barrels a day. [illegible] in on the night of April 27. [illegible] ton Oil Company completed [illegible] barrel well about 50 feet nor[illegible]

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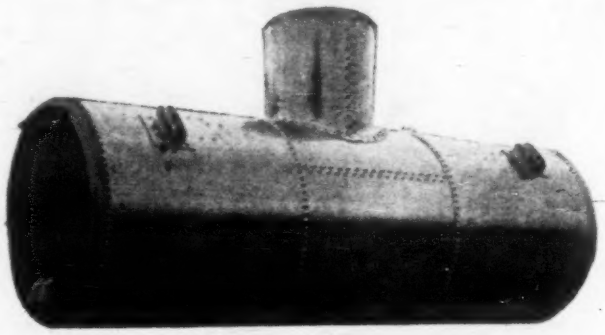

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first well completed by the Sun Company in the gusher strip. This makes six wells in a line extending about seven hundred feet north and south, with the new Sun well on the south end and the new Britton well on the north. There were two other completions during the last half of the month—Rio Bravo Oil Company No. 229, adjoining the gusher strip to the east, good for 250 barrels, and J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 7, 150 feet east of H. Hardie Robinson No. 2. It was a water well and will be drilled deeper. This makes a total of four completions for the last half of the month, against one completion during the first half.

Gross output of the district on April 28 was estimated at 7,750 barrels, against 6,750 barrels on April 15, or an increase of approximately 1,000 barrels. The apparent shortage in face of the new production is due to the falling off in the output of the wells in the gusher strip. From an average output of approximately 500 barrels a day, the wells have dropped as follows: J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 4, 300 barrels; J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 5, 300 barrels; Producers' Oil Company No. 1, 350 barrels; Sun Company No. 1, 300 barrels.

Seven wells were drilling at Saratoga on April 28 and one shut down. This record is against eleven drilling on April 15. There were no new locations on the former date. A location recorded on April 15 still stands.

Wells Completed.

Following is a list of completions:

Britton Oil Company, Nona Mills No. 1, 350 barrels.

Rio Bravo Oil Company No. 229, Rio Bravo farm, 250 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 7, 150 feet east of Robinson No. 2. Water. Drilling deeper.

Sun Company, Brice and Bradley, 1,000 barrels.

Total completions, 4.

Wells Drilling.

Following is a list of wells drilling on April 28:

H. Hardie Robinson No. 2, Kirby 25 acres. Set strainer at 1,050 feet.

Britton Oil Company, Smith-Hooks-Cooper No. 2, equipping with standard pumping rig.

Rio Bravo Oil Company No. 227, Rio Bravo, 1,410 feet.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 6, 150 feet west of No. 5.

Producers' Oil Company No. 2, 150 feet west of No. 1.

Producers' Oil Company, Little Jap No. 2, A. A. Petty.

Sun Company No. 2, Melder Mayer.

Total wells drilling, 7.

Shut Down.

Britton Oil Company, 500 feet northeast of Robinson No. 1. Awaiting outcome of Guffey No. 7.

Locations.

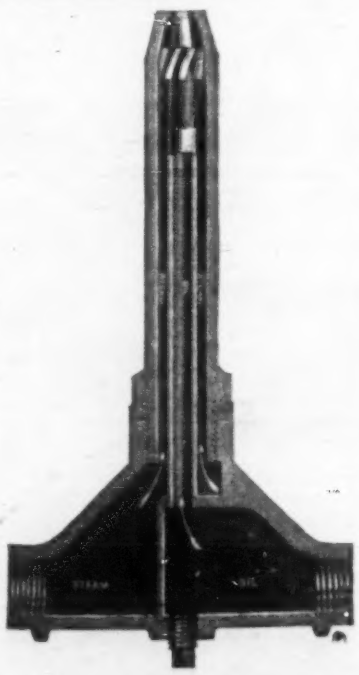
There were no new locations on April 28. The Britton Oil Company, Deutscher No. 1, recorded as a location on April 25, is rigged. Rio Bravo Oil Company has abandoned location for No. 228, recorded on the latter date.

Field Notes.

The pipe line companies are not running the output of the H. Hardie Robinson wells on the Kirby 25 acres, on the edge of the Saratoga townsite. Robinson has approximately 250 barrels daily production of 15 gravity oil, which he is storing in small earthen tanks on the tract. Approximately 5,000 barrels is now above ground.

The International Oil Company is drilling deeper in No. 1.

The Santa Fe Oil Company is drilling Nos. 7 and 12 deeper.



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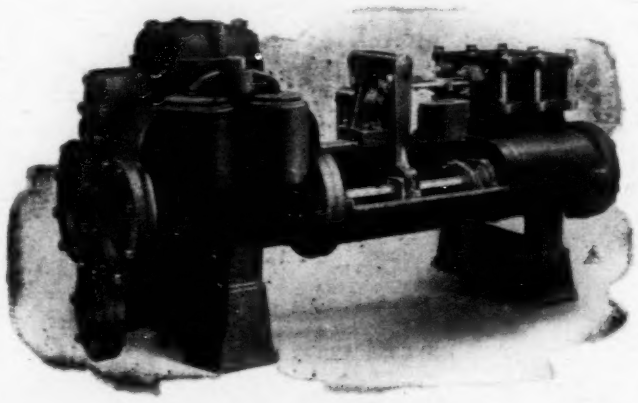

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INCREASE IN DEVELOPMENT WORK IN NORTH TEXAS DISTRICTS—SUMMARY.

Thirty wells were completed in the Powell (heavy oil) district in North Texas during April. Fifteen were dry, two gassers and thirteen producers with an output of approximately 284 barrels, or an average of 21.8 barrels to the well. The Eleven Oil Company completed one of the heaviest gassers ever drilled in the Powell district. It is located on the E. S. Brooks farm and when it came in showed considerable oil with the gas. The Corsicana Petroleum Company has arranged with the owners to handle the gas for domestic and commercial purposes. The foregoing record represents some increase in development work over March, in which month 21 wells were completed.

Fifteen wells were drilling at Powell on April 30, against fourteen drilling on March 31. Three locations were recorded on the former date, compared with five on March 31.

Five wells were completed in the Corsicana (light oil) district in April; one being dry and four producers, with an output of 18 barrels a day. Two completions were recorded in March, both producers. Three wells were drilling on April 30, being the same number as recorded on March 31.

Wells Completed at Corsicana.

Following is a list of completions in the Corsicana (light oil) district in April:

T. P. Kerr No. 3, T. P. Kerr, 4 barrels.
T. P. Kerr No. 4, T. P. Kerr, 5 barrels.
H. O. Company of Texas and C. P. Company No. 5, C. Blankenship, 4 barrels.
H. O. Company of Texas and C. P. Company No. 6, C. Blankenship, 5 barrels.
Corsicana Petroleum Company No. 5, T. R. Roberts, dry.
Total completions, 5. Producers, 4; dry, 1. Output, 18 barrels.

Wells Completed at Powell.

Following is a list of completions in the Powell (heavy oil) district in April:

Ennis Oil and Development Company No. 6, N. H. Brown, dry.
Ennis Oil and Development Company No. 7, N. H. Brown, 5 barrels.
Wm. Peck and Company No. 2, Damon and Gibson, dry.
J. W. Sturm No. 8, M. F. Ward, dry.
Eleven Oil Company No. 1, Guyne, dry.
Eleven Oil Company No. 2, E. S. Brooks, 6 barrels.
Eleven Oil Company No. 3, E. S. Brooks, 20 barrels.
Eleven Oil Company No. 4, E. S. Brooks, 10 barrels.
Eleven Oil Company No. 5, E. S. Brooks, gasser.
Garrity and Whiteselle No. 2, Bunch, dry.
Junior Oil and Pipe Line Company No. 13, W. M. Tatum, gasser.
Junior Oil and Pipe Line Company No. 12, W. M. Tatum, dry.
Junior Oil and Pipe Line Company No. 5, W. J. Town, dry.
Heber Stone Oil and Mining Company No. 13, Heber Stone, dry.
Patrick Brothers and Fondren No. 1, C. D. Speed, dry.
Patrick Brothers and Fondren No. 2, C. D. Speed, dry.
Witherspoon, Carmody and Whitehill No. 3, J. O. Burke, 25 barrels.
Witherspoon, Carmody and Whitehill No. 4, J. O. Burke, 30 barrels.
Witherspoon, Carmody and Whitehill No. 5, J. O. Burke, 30 barrels.
Allen and Maxwell No. 6, E. Brown, dry.
Allen and Maxwell No. 7, E. Brown, 30 barrels.
Morgan and O. No. 1, Sheppard, dry.
Independent Oil Company and West No. 8, Damon and Gibson, 45 barrels.
Independent Oil Company and [illegible] 9, Damon and Gibson, dry.
Witherspoon and Carmody No. [illegible] criep, 15 barrels.
Witherspoon and Carmody No. [illegible] criep, 18 barrels.
Coulson and others No. 1, Wm. [illegible] dry.
Coulson and others No. 2, Wm. [illegible] dry.
Ferris Oil Company No. 4, C. [illegible] 25 barrels.
Wm. Peck and Company No. [illegible] and Gibson, 15 barrels.
Total completions, 30. Producers, 15. Dry, 15. Gassers, 2.

Wells Drilling at Corsicana.

Following is a list of wells [illegible] at Corsicana on the close [illegible] month:

Corsicana Petroleum Company [illegible] T. Munford.
Corsicana Petroleum Company [illegible] Wm. Munford.
B. H. Stephens and others N. [illegible] Haskill.
Total drilling, 3.

Wells Drilling at Powell.

Following is a list of wells [illegible] at Powell on the close of the [illegible]

Eleven Oil Company No. 1, Jo[illegible]
Garrity and Whiteselle No. 3, Bu[illegible]
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Garrity and Mills No. 1, R. O. Mi[illegible]
Ferris Oil Company No. 2, Whi[illegible]
Heber Stone Oil and Mining Co[illegible] No. 14, Heber Stone.
Wm. Peck and Company No. 4, [illegible] and Gibson.
Patrick Brothers and Fondren No. [illegible] Clellan.
Wm. Peck and Company No. 2, M. [illegible] Ward.
Witherspoon and Carmody No. [illegible] Springfield.
Witherspoon and Carmody No. 7, M[illegible] criep.
Ennis Oil and Development Company No. 8, N. H. Brown.
Total wells drilling, 15.

Locations.

There were no new locations in the Corsicana district on April 30. Following is a list of locations at Powell on that date:

Eleven Oil Company No. 6, E. S. Broocks.
Swartz and Dook No. 1, M. A. Brown.
J. H. Burk No. 1, J. H. Burk.
Total locations, 3.

TWO COMPLETIONS AT SOUR LAKE—FIELD SUMMARY.

Two wells were completed at Sour Lake during the last fifteen days of April, one a producer of 225 barrels and one abandoned. C. E. Anderson on the Swayne strip of the Gilbert is the new well, and Young and Daniels No. 1 on the Guedry, the abandoned hole.

The Anderson well was put under the pump April 24 and is making 60 per cent water, but the production as given is net oil. It is understood the output has been sold on a forty-day contract for 58 cents. There were two completions during the first half of the month, both of which are producers.

Seven wells were drilling on April 30, being the same as recorded on April 15. There were five locations on the former date, against two on April 15.

Gross output of the district on April 30 was estimated at 6,850, showing practically no change compared with the middle of the month.

Wells Drilling.

Following is a list of seven wells drilling on April 30:

Minor Oil Company, Higgins.
Moonshine Producers No. 4, strip O of the Moonshine.
Sun Company No. 1, Simms strip.
Texas Company No. 49, 100 feet south of Jackson road.
Wood-Tucker-Dodge No. 1, Armstrong.
I. R. Bordages No. 1, Jackson.
Dodge Brothers No. 2, Cannon.
Total wells drilling, 7.

Production at Sour Lake.

A summary of production in the Sour Lake district compiled April 15, shows 81 wells in operation, with a gross output of approximately 6,835 barrels, of which 4,355 barrels in credited to The Texas Company.

Sho-string Tract.

	Bbls.
National Oil Company, 3 wells	35
Rio Bravo Oil Company, 4 wells	75
Lone Acre Oil Company, 5 wells	80
Gilbert Oil Company, 9 wells	275
Heaton and Stevens, 1 well	25
Minor Oil Company, 7 wells	725
Terry and Campbell, 2 wells	150
Sun Company, 2 wells	40
Hardin County Oil Company, 1 well	60
Hardy-West Oil Company, 1 well	100
C. E. Anderson, 1 well	90
Robinson Brother, 2 wells (Glass lease)	100
The Texas Company, 1 well (old Moonshine)	75

Total, Shoestring, 1,830 barrels.

Cannon Tract.

Hill, Crosby and Davy Oil Company, Glass Oil Company, 4 wells	90
Cheek Oil Company, 3 wells	40
Dodge Brothers and others, 3 wells	25
National Oil Company, 2 wells	75
S. M. Jones, 1 well	20
Interstate Oil Company, 1 well	80
Britton Oil Company, 2 wells	100
Texas Star and Tankage Company, 3 wells	20
J. R. Quigley and associates, 3 wells	95

Total, Cannon, 545 barrels.

Jackson Strip.

Felt Oil Company, 1 well	20
Crosby, Sims and Jackson, 1 well	15
J. S. Wynn, 1 well	70

Total, Jackson strip, 105 barrels.

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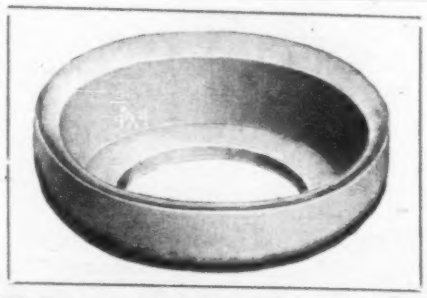

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Texas Tract.

The Texas Company, 17 wells, output 4,355 barrels, as follows: No. 3, 125 bbls.; No. 4, 15 bbls.; No. 6, 20 bbls.; No. 10, 50 bbls.; No. 15, 125 bbls.; No. 22, 325 bbls.; No. 24, 5 bbls.; No. 29, 180 bbls.; No. 31, 100 bbls.; No. 32, 75 bbls.; No. 37, 325 bbls.; No. 38, 20 bbls.; No. 40, 80 bbls.; No. 43, 800 bbls.; No. 44, 800 bbls.; No. 46, 800. Producers Moonshine No. 3, 500 barrels.

MID-CONTINENT OIL LEASES HELD UP BY DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

The Department of the Interior has taken every producing oil lease owned by Guffey and Galey in Indian Territory and Oklahoma out of their possession and placed the land in possession of the allottees from whom the lease was taken. The action was based on the ground that Guffey and Galey had sold their leases contrary to the provisions of the lease and the ruling of the Department of the Interior, under whose supervision the leases were taken. The department rules that no lease shall be sublet, transferred or assigned, without the consent or the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and that not more than 4,800 acres of land shall be held by any one individual, firm or corporation. Secretary Hitchcock announces that the leases will not be cancelled until the matter has been fully investigated.

It is alleged that Guffey and Galey sold their leases, including all producing wells, to a trust company of St. Louis, and that the leases were subsequently transferred to the Osage and Oklahoma Oil and Gas Company, representative of the interests of T. N. Barnsdall and associates of Pittsburg.

According to the Oil City Derrick, Guffey and Galey in the latter part of 1905, disposed of holdings consisting of 147,000 acres in the Osage and 10,000 acres in the Creek nation, to the Osage and Oklahoma Oil and Gas Company. The price paid was $1,250,000.

Last February the Indian Territory and Oklahoma oil properties of T. N. Barnsdall and associates in the Mid-Continent region were merged into a holding company known as the Barnsdall Oil Company, capitalized at eight million dollars. The deal involved about 390,000 acres of oil lands, with a daily production at that time of approximately 16,000 barrels, or about one-third of the output of the Mid-Continent field. T. N. Barnsdall is president and W. J. Young vice president of the concern. Mr. Young was formerly president of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, having resigned that position near the first of the year.

According to press dispatches, the present action of the Department of the Interior is the beginning of a general investigation of oil leases in the Mid-Continent region.

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LITTLE HOPE IS ENTERTAINED FOR PASSAGE OF FREE ALCOHOL BILL.

Advices from Washington indicate that the chances for final passage in the Senate of the free alcohol bill are considered doubtful. After passing the House by a vote of 224 to 7, the measure was sent to the Senate and given to the finance committee, of which Senator Aldrich is chairman, and was subsequently referred to a sub-committee, in whose hands it now rests.

A correspondent of the Oil Investors' Journal, writing from Washington, says:

That some way will be found to smother the bill for free denaturized alcohol and prevent its passage this session, is the belief that is now general in Washington. The champions of the measure, however, are making strong efforts to get the Senate finance committee to consider it favorably and to have the Senate pass it.

The bill passed the House after prolonged hearings before the ways and means committee. It was sent to the Senate and referred to the finance committee, of which Senator Aldrich is chairman. It has been referred to a subcommittee and it is expected the subcommittee will have hearings upon it eventually. Friends of the bill maintain these hearings are not necessary, in view of the hearings before the House committee and that the hearings before the Senate finance committee or subcommittee are devised for purposes of delay.

One suggestion is that the subcommittee investigate the merits of the proposed legislation through the summer and report next session. Such action would be extremely unsatisfactory to many members of the House and not a few in the Senate, for the reason that in many parts of the country the sentiment for free denaturized alcohol is so strong as to make the question a political issue, and a dangerous one to oppose openly or to seem to regard with indifference. Congress is being flooded with letters from farmers, doctors, chemists, automobile interests and others in behalf of the bill. There is in fact so much sentiment for free denaturized alcohol that the Republican House congressional committee is doing its utmost to get the Senate to pass the bill, and if it is passed, it may be set down to political necessity. A strong faction in the Senate is credited with a purpose to block the proposed legislation. It is expected they will do all they can to hold it back, and, if possible, kill it.

WHAT THE JOURNAL IS DOING FOR THE GULF COAST REGION.

The following is an extract from an article appearing in the Houston Post of April 21:

"The Oil Investors' Journal is not only the best oil paper in the Southwest, but one of the best in the United States. It accurately portrays the doings of the great industry of Texas and Louisiana and keeps these fields constantly before the eyes of the oil world. It is a veritable encyclopedia on the subject of the oil industry in general and is always abreast of the times.

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GARFIELD REPORT ON THE OIL INDUSTRY SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT.

The long-looked-for report of Commissioner of Corporations Garfield on the oil industry, is in the hands of the president for review, after which it will be sent to Congress. A correspondent of the Oil Investors' Journal writing from Washington says:

Early transmission to Congress of the report of Commissioner of Corporations Garfield on the oil industry and the operations of the Standard Oil Company is not looked for. The report is completed and after the President has had time to peruse it and Attorney General Moody has considered it, it will be sent to Congress.

Mr. Garfield has been engaged for over a year in the investigation and has had a large number of field agents at work in the course of that time. It was expected when the resolution for the investigation was adopted during the last session of Congress, that the report would be made long before this, and Mr. Garfield has been sharply criticised for his slowness in setting forth the facts as he found them. This criticism threatened for a time to find vent in the introdution in the House of a second resolution on the oil business, calculated to prod the Bureau of Corporations up sharply and hurry the report along.

Officially it is not yet known what the report will contain. The best information thus far, however, is that it will show that the Standard Oil Company has violated the anti-trust and the interstate commerce laws, that it has received rebates and operated in such a manner as to stifle competition and restrain trade and commerce. Collusion of railroads and railroad officials is also said to be revealed.

The resolution under which the investigation was made called for a report as a basis for legislation or for legal proceedings by the Department of Justice.

It is likely the report will be of some value in the matter of legislation and that it will reveal some weaknesses of the anti-trust and the interstate commerce laws that are complained of. That it will procure any tangible results in the way of legislation this session is not believed. So far as the production of information that will bring forth important results in the way of legal proceedings, there is general disposition here to doubt whether much will be accomplished. Mr. Garfield is understood to have followed about the same methods in the oil investigation as he did in the beef trust investigation. Under the Humphrey decision, the officials of the beef trust were enabled to take refuge in immunity pleas, and there is little reason to doubt that Standard Oil officials will be equally immune if an attempt is made to prosecute them. While prosecution of offending corporations may be possible, such prosecution is not likely to prove adequate to check the violations of law commonly attributed against them.

The administration's dissatisfaction with the Humphrey decision is well known. The President declared it a "miscarriage of justice" in a recent message to Congress. It is quite possible that Mr. Moody will determine that it is the part of wisdom to take action against any oil officials found to be report to be violators of law, in the hope of getting in another inferior federal court a different ruling on the immunity question from that given by Judge Humphrey.

GULF COAST OIL INDUSTRY AN INCALCULABLE FACTOR IN EARNINGS OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Railroads are the heaviest consumers of crude or fuel petroleum in the United States. The Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe systems are the principal users, the former using the greater amount. The Southern Pacific therefore is the heaviest consumers of fuel oil in this country. It follows that it is the greatest beneficiary through the use of fuel oil as fuel, both monetary and physical, in the United States. The financial gain accruing to that line in the use of fuel oil is conservatively estimated at five million dollars annually, though it is believed to be considerably above that amount. This is exclusive of the revenues obtained through the transportation of oil for commercial use and other traffic due to the oil industry. More than a million dollars in this economy is credited to that part of the Southern Pacific extending from El Paso to New Orleans, generally known as the Gulf Coast region.

The annual consumption of fuel oil by the Southern Pacific in the Gulf Coast region is put at 2,580,000 barrels, or approximately 215,000 barrels a month. From 1903 to 1906 the prices paid for its fuel supply ranged from 18 to 40 cents a barrel. When the Sour Lake field was opened in 1903, approximately two million barrels were purchased at 18 cents a barrel. A similar amount was bought at Humble for about 21 cents a barrel in 1905. Thirty cents a barrel would represent a conservative price paid for oil since it came into general use. At the present time, it is getting over 1,200 barrels a day from its own well in the Saratoga district. On the basis of thirty cents a barrel, fuel costs the Southern Pacific on its Gulf Coast lines, approximately $774,000 annually or $64,500 a month.

Before the discovery of oil in the Gulf Coast region in sufficient quantities to justify extensive installation of oil-burning apparatus, the Southern Pacific was dependent on coal and wood for fuel. Coal delivered to its lines cost from $2.75 to $3.25 a ton. Three dollars a ton would represent the average price, exclusive of the cost

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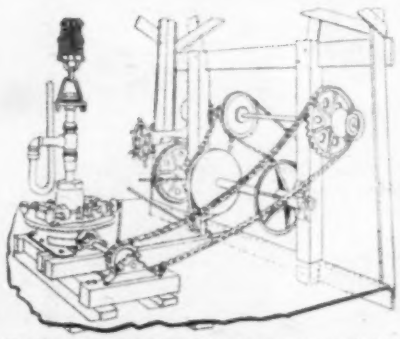

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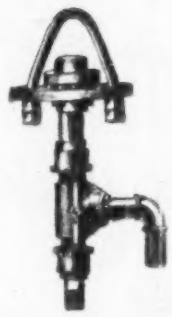

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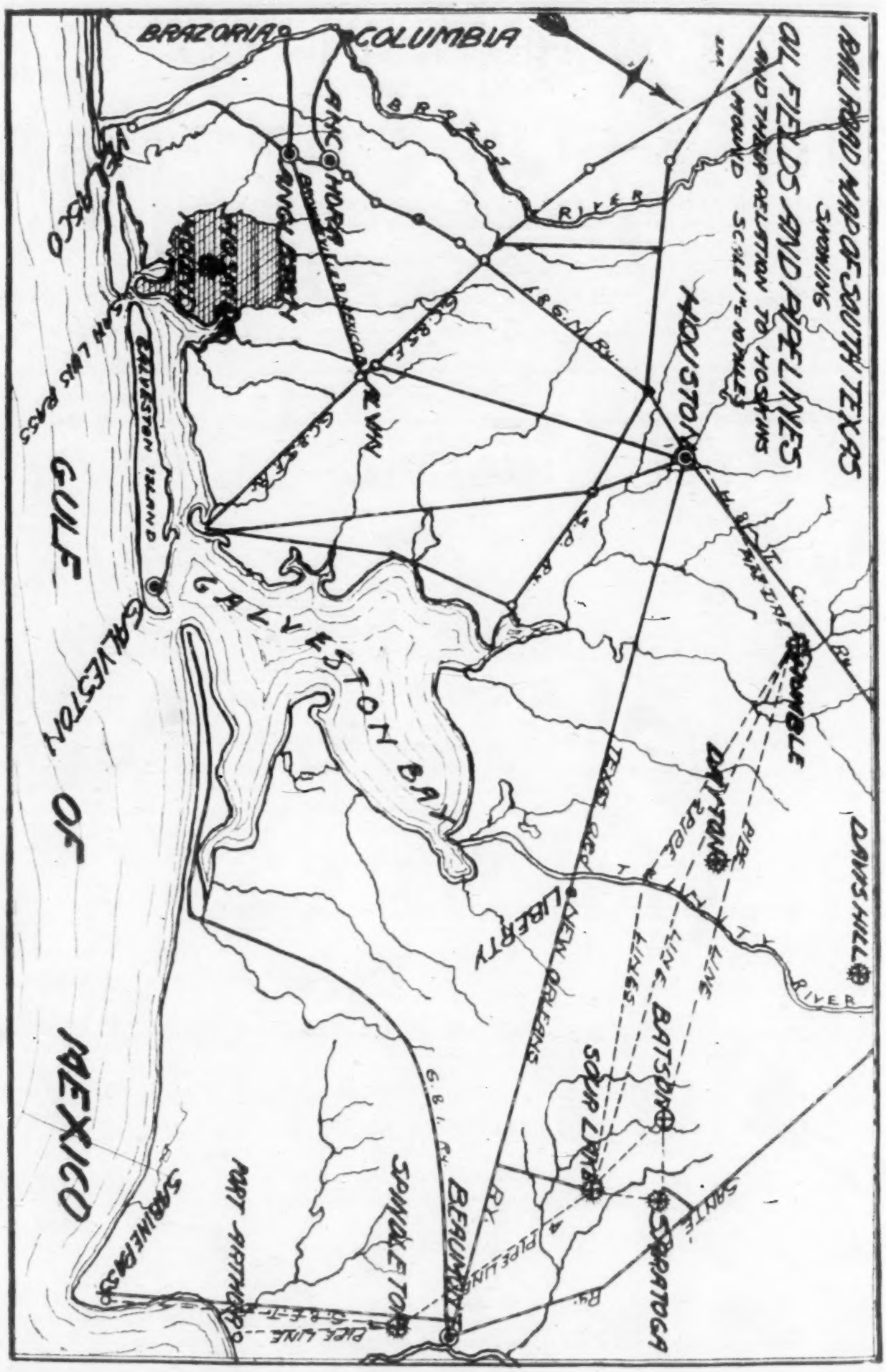

GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION OF HOSKINS MOUND.

The prominence of Davis Hill on the map is of no significance. When the print was made the district was looked upon as prospective new territory. Development was subsequently suspended, after the bringing in of a water well.